

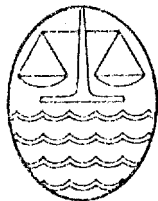


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Article one

1. The provisions of this article apply only to straits which connect two parts of the high seas and which are customarily used for international navigation.
2. Ships of all States shall enjoy freedom of navigation in straits connecting two parts of the high seas, whether they are open seas or semi-enclosed seas.

Article two

1. Management, conservation, exploration and exploitation of marine living resources in semi-enclosed seas beyond the territorial sea shall be undertaken by the riparian States in such areas through the regional arrangements, taking into account the activities of international organizations concerned in these fields.

Article three

1. In those areas, the preservation of the marine environment and the control of pollution shall be managed jointly among the riparian States. Rules, regulations and standards for this purpose shall be based on internationally agreed standards. Due consideration shall be given to the work done by the competent international organizations in this regard.

Article four

1. Freedom of navigation should be maintained in semi-enclosed seas which constitute part of the high seas.



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Addendum

Add the following article:

Article five

The term "semi-enclosed sea which constitutes part of the high seas" means an inland sea which is surrounded by two or more States, which may provide a corridor of the high seas between opposite and adjacent States and which is connected with other parts of the high seas by a narrow outlet.

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Add the following article:

Article six

Where the establishment of a 12-mile territorial sea in semi-enclosed sea, which constitutes part of the high seas, has the effect of enclosing as territorial sea areas previously considered as part of the high seas, freedom of navigation shall exist in those waters.